be observed during the commemoration year 2007-08 for the 150th Anniversary of First War of Independence/related events. Indian Council of Historical Research who have vetted the list of events have given the date of the event as 20.4.1872. The suggested list has been circulated to all State/Union Territories Governments for organizing function in association with all sections of the society. The venue of the event is Delhi and Govt, of NCT of Delhi is to take further action.

(c) The Government of India has also released a sum of Rs. one crore for the raising of Kuka Martyrs Memorial at Malerkotla during 2007-08.

Buddhist Vihara in Orissa

2360. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Buddhist Vihara has been unearthed in Kendrapara district of Orissa during construction work of Haridaspur-Paradip railway line, when the workers were digging the earth;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of the Centre to develop this heritage city with a view to turn it into a global tourist centre?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) No such remains have been unearthed in Kendrapara district of Orissa during construction of Haridaspur - Paradip railway line. Only some architecture fragments were unearthed at Palei village which do not appear to be of Buddhist region.

(c) Question doesn't arise.

Sattiriya classical dance

2361. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the list of winners of SangeetNatak Award who have devoted their life to the Sattiriya Classical Dance of North-East;

(b) whether there is any proposal offering such award to those who are actively participating in this performing art of Sattiriyas Dance as Gayan or performing Bargeet, the noble song those are performed as classical song in the North-East region more particularly in Assam; and

(c) what steps are taken to preserve and protect the performing art and tradition of age-old Sattiriya culture of Assam more particularly Sattriya Dance, Borgeet, Ojapali and tribal folk dances of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards are given for Sattriya dance as well its allied tradition including Gayan Bayan and Borgeet, Ankia Nat etc. The persons, who have been conferred Awards in the field of Sattiriya dance are as under:

(l)ManiramDattaMoktar-1963, (2) Bapuram BayanAttai-1978, (3) Roserhwar Saikia Bayan Koktar - 1980, (4) Indira P.P. Bora-1996, (5) Pradip Chaliha- 1998, (6) Parmanand